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October 13, 1964

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P.O.Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

I am enclosing the Farouk specimen of the U.S. Assay \$20.00 piece and while I need not caution you about its handling, I know it is going to be passed along into other hands -- Please see to it that care is exerted.

Actually, this is the only Proof specimen that I have seen -- the other so-called proofs were not, in my opinion, proofs.

Whoever returns it to me, please have it insured for \$5,000.00 -- I know the owner has turned down that sum for it.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Kosoff

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cc: Dr. J.O. Sloss



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October 26, 1964

Mr. Eric Newman  
P.O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

As per our recent discussion, I contacted Mr. Murrell. He, in turn, sent two pieces up to Los Angeles with John Rowe.

One was an octagonal \$20.00 U.S. Assay and the other was a counter-stamped piece with weight, etc. stamped on it but because of the fact that Mr. Murrell values these two pieces at \$50,000.00 I hesitated to assume the responsibility for shipping them around to you and to George Fuld, etc.

It occurred to me that perhaps George knows where in Dallas the same test could be made by someone he knows, either personally or through reputation, and we could pay for the cost of the tests without having them shipped around the country. The expense involved would be considerably less than taking out a floater to insure the coins.

I mentioned this to John Rowe and told him that we would try to have him cooperate with us if it became necessary to have tests made in Dallas.

Very sincerely yours,

  
A. Kosoff  
AK:cl

cc: Dr. J.O. Sloss  
George J. Fuld  
John Pittman



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6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

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SUBJECT

3 1853 U.S. Assay Pieces

DATE

11-24-64

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Form 87 New England Business Systems, Inc. 11-64

Dear Eric:

I am enclosing, by registered mail, three (3) 1853 U.S. Assay pieces received  
from Jim Sloss.

These are referred to as numbers 3, 5 and 13.

Please acknowledge.

AK:cl

cc: Dr. J.O. Sloss

Cordially,

SIGNED:

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REPLY TO

A. Kosoff

*Acknowledged 12/1/64*  
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SUBJECT:

U.S. Assay Office Gold Coins

DATE:

1-21-65

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Form 12 - Novelty and Business Service, Inc. - Division of M...

Dear Eric:

I have your letter of the 15th in regard to the U.S. Assay Office Gold coins.  
I am sorry to learn that the Secret Service is washing its hands of the affair.

You indicate that the coins are being returned and since the Farouk specimen  
which I submitted is not my property and has been out of the owner's hands  
for a rather extended period, I am anxious to get it back to him.

Please advise as to when I might expect it.

Cordially,

SIGNED:

A. Kosoff

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RECIPIENT:

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P.O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

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SUBJECT

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE GOLD COINS

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2-22-65

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Dear Eric:

Your recent telephone call left me with the impression that George Fuld wants to continue the matter involving the U.S. Assay Coin.

I did want to be able to tell the owner of the Farouk piece when he might expect it back. Now he has phoned me --- and I promised to get an answer.

When shall I say?????

Cordially,

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February 23, 1965

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O.Box 456  
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

The Proof U.S. Assay Office #20 which you were kind enough to obtain for the group to study is still in the hands of the Secret Service and I have written them today and asked them to please return the coin to George Fuld. George has promised to turn it and all other data he has over to me as soon as he gets the coins back.

Please tell your customer how important it is that this coin be studied and I am sure he will not be inconvenienced very much longer.

See you in Chicago on March 5.

Cordially,

ERIC P. DENMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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6450 Cecil Av.  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

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SUBJECT

U.S. Assay Proof

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Dear Eric:

The owner of the U.S. Assay Proof has asked me to return it to him as promptly as possible.

I have explained the situation but he insists that anything to be done could already have been accomplished, etc., etc., etc.

So ---- please oblige me as it may create a situation I would prefer to avoid.

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Cordially,

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A. Kosoff

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April 2, 1965

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O.Box 486  
Encino, Calif.

Dear Abe:

On receipt of your letter of March 30, 1965, I telephoned the Secret Service, and George Fuld, and learned that George has had the coins for a little over a week. He is sending them to me today. As soon as I receive them I will forward the coin to you for your customer.

I find that its photograph has been taken.

Please assure your customer that there has been no delay on my part and that we sincerely appreciate the opportunity of examining his piece. It is only by cooperation of that nature that progress in numismatics can be made. The matter involved is exceedingly complex and, for that reason, substantial time was required. The only reason the long delay occurred was because of the Secret Service episode.

Thanks, again, for the cooperation of yourself and your customer.

I am sending an extra copy of this letter to you in the event you wish to send it to your cooperative customer.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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April 12, 1965

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O. Box 456  
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

There is returned herewith the proof 1853  
U.S. Assay Office \$20 coin which you were kind enough  
to send me for study. Please thank the owner, pro-  
fusely, for lending us this interesting piece. The  
delay in its return was, of course, due to the period  
during which it was held by the United States Secret  
Service.

You are a member of the group studying these  
coins and I hope you study the coin, carefully, again,  
before turning it back to the owner.

George Fuld is now requesting his out-of-pocket  
expenses in connection with his research on the various  
Assay Office pieces and this and a few other matters  
will be taken up with you in due course.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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April 27, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for getting the U.S. Assay piece back to me.

I don't know what we have accomplished in the way of any conclusions but I gathered that the piece we submitted is the only really Proof Specimen.

It is unfortunate that the Secret Service would not go into the matter.

I think that George Fuld should not be asked to take care of all of the expenses and I shall certainly be happy to participate in the reimbursements.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

  
A. Kosoff  
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June 2, 1965

Mr. Ronnie Carr  
P.O. Box 1113  
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

I have your letter of May 26th which arrived while I was out of the city.

I think it would have been wise if copies of the proofs would have been distributed to the members of the panel before the catalogue went to print. As I indicated, I have not yet had an opportunity to go through everything in the section on Territorial Gold but I did catch this particular item because of a personal interest.

I do not believe we should delete the reference that you now have concerning spurious proofs but I do think it should be included together with the notation that "there does exist the known proof specimen." If at any time a second specimen does show up we could then mention that there are two known proof specimens.

As you know, there are many uninitiated in the collecting game today and they are quite uninformed as well. Reference to spurious proofs and a warning to watch out for them is like waving a red flag. If a genuine one is offered the uninformed will naturally stay clear of it.

In the interests of completion and giving as much information as possible, I think you must mention that there are spurious proofs so that collectors can be careful.....and for the same reason indicate the existence of the known proof specimen.

This incident should serve to make my point - namely that proofs should be sent to all of the committee members. The fact that some mention was made at the meeting is not sufficient.

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Actually we are working under a bit of pressure with time an element and a number of details, each having their own problems which arise at conventions and which have to be accomplished in a very limited time. Looking at proofs is quite another matter -- Seeing the thing in print at leisure gives one a chance to come up with some thinking.

I am sure all are in agreement with this idea. I am equally sure that Dick Yeoman did not purposely neglect this matter as I can appreciate the fact that the element of time is involved in his production schedule as well. However, we should take these things into consideration and, of course now that we have the thing in print, the need for proofs is negated to a great extent since we can go over the old issue and make the corrections for the new. If at any time, however, major changes are intended then we should go back to circulating proofs.

With best regards.

Cordially,

A. Kosoff  
AK:cl

cc: Dick Yeoman  
Eric P. Newman ✓

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Memo From —

**A. KOSOFF**

P.O. Box 456 — Encino, California

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U.S. ASSAY \$20.00

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6-8-65

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Gen. A. New England Building, Boston, U.S.A.

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Dear Eric:

Something came up and got to leave town Wednesday A. M. — Return Friday  
nite so couldn't get to vault.

Got it on my calendar for return — Sorry about delay but you understand.

Cordially,

SIGNED:

DATE OF REPLY

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July 7, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I have your memorandum of July 6th.

Relative to the 1966 Red Book -- first let me say that I had cautioned Ronnie Carr who was co-ordinator of the committee that I would like to see proofs before the section went to print. This was not done and I have since written to Carr indicating a little displeasure at some of the inclusions.

You mention the comment "beware of spurious specimens in proof condition". I was particularly annoyed because this comment would not only have people beware of "spurious specimens" but of the genuine proof as well --- and since I am vitally interested in the latter piece I feel that the comment is an injustice to me and even more so to the owner.

The persons listed in the special panel were not all active participants and, of course, there were several specialists who should have been consulted but were not. Actually, until I met with them I was not aware of who was invited and who was not.

As for the comment on page 244 referring to the "scientific research and study" - I am as much in the dark about what is meant as you are.

Finally, as for George Fuld's expenses I have indicated to you before that I am happy to go along - you just have to tell me when and what to send.

Cordially,

  
A. Kosoff

AK:cl

cc: Dr. James O. Sloss, Dr. George Fuld, Mr. John J. Pittman

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July 13, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. A. Kosoff

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Abe:

Thanks for your comments concerning what appeared in the Red Book.

I wish you would find time to count the number of reeds on the side of the Farouk U. S. \$20 Assay proof. That would be helpful.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

Memo From —

**A. KOSOFF**

P.O. Box 456 — Encino, California

July 20, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Av.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I feel like a ----- I dunno -

Am pressing to get a catalogue ready for the  
printer and the deadlines are staring me in  
the face.

Never realized that PNG work would consume  
so much time and put me behind schedule ---  
well, come August I'll turn the gavel over to  
Leo Young.

Regards.

Sincerely,

A. Kosoff

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987-1576

August 30, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I am having John Pittman take the U.S. Assay home and check the number of reeds. There seems to be a difference of opinion on several counts with several results.

After he checks the coin I have asked him to ship it directly to you and you check it as well. Then you can return it to me -- please register it for \$6500.00 and I will refund the mailing costs.

Kindest regards,

Cordially,

  
A. Kosoff  
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FROM



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Phone: STate 4-5005

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DATE:

10-21-65

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- ☐ **URGENT!**  
☐ SOON AS POSSIBLE  
☐ NO REPLY NEEDED

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT:

Mr. ERic P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

U.S.ASSAY PIECE

Dear Eric:

Pittman advises he sent the U.S.Assay piece to you some time ago and now I am in need of it ---- so please oblige by sending it registered airmail - insured for \$6500.00.

Best regards.

Cordially,

SIGNED:

DATE OF REPLY

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A. Kosoff

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February 7, 1966

Messrs.

Eric P. Newman

James O. Sloss

George Fuld

John J. Pittman

Gentlemen:

This is in response to a letter from Eric Newman dated February 4th relative to the 1853 U.S. Assay \$20.00 Gold piece, which letter was prompted by correspondence from Ronnie Carr dated February 1, 1966.

As a member both of the Panel which assists the Whitman Publishing Company on the Territorial Section of the Red Book and as a member of this Panel perhaps I can throw some light on the situation.

Of course, a year has now passed and much of what we discussed at the Panel meeting was verbal and very little was written down except conclusions.

The Panel was aware of the work of this group in connection with the Assay piece. I would say that every member of the Panel was aware of the rumors and circumstances surrounding the coin leading to many expressed opinions that a number of so-called proofs were being sold which were not proofs.

There was no attempt to fix a decision that the coins were not genuine.

It seemed, however, that the Panel was overwhelmingly of the decision that the coins which were sold as proofs, or represented as proofs, were not proofs.

The discussion concerning the only known proof, that is the Zabriski specimen, led to the decision to include something in the Red Book cautioning the collector against so-called proofs.



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In my opinion, the wording in the Red Book was unfortunate.

I would recommend to this group that we in turn recommend to Mr. Carr, as Chairman of the Panel, that rather than use a negative tone in the Red Book, a notation should replace the present one and the new notation should indicate that the only known proof of this coin is the Zabriski specimen. It might further be pointed out that there is no question about this piece being a proof because it is readily obvious without anything more than the naked eye.

I think this would answer all questions and not throw a stigma on this series.

In regard to the group's future action, I think perhaps summing up of the results of the work done to date would be the first order of business. Actually, this has never been done - when we analyzed the results we would be in a better position to determine whether or not any future action is in order.

Sincerely yours,

  
A. Kosoff

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March 1, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I have your letter of February 25th together with Mr. Carr's copy of a letter to you dated February 21st.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Breakfast Meeting which had been arranged for the Panel in connection with next year's listing in the Red Book. However, I did discuss the matter with the members of that Panel.

I have explained my feeling in the matter several times. I feel that the listing in last year's Red Book was an unfortunate one.

I cannot see, unless we are ready to say that the coins are questionable, that we can say anything in the book about them being questionable. I speak now only from the standpoint of whether or not they are original coins.

I think we have come to a conclusion that they definitely are not Proofs - at least that is our opinion. I have asked that Dr. Fuld's scientific analysis be reduced to simple language and would appreciate it if that was done.

My feeling in the matter is that the Red Book should have a listing - but of a positive rather than negative nature. I would state that there is one known brilliant coin in Proof condition and if they want to include that it is the Zabriski-Farouk specimen, that would be OK.



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The point is that we would start from there -- If there are any other Proofs I am sure that the owners would come forward and we can gradually build it up. At least it will caution the potential buyer that some of the items which are being offered as Proofs may not be Proofs -- they certainly are not brilliant proofs.

By the use of the suggested statement we can do no one any harm nor are we sticking our necks out on something which we cannot prove.

If, on the other hand, you have conclusive proof that the coins are not authentic, then, of course, I go along with the thought that this, too, should be stated. This, of course, seems academic because I do not believe that we have been able to prove that.

I do not agree that we should delay simply because they have a March 20th deadline -- we have played around with this matter for a long time -- I think that whatever opinion we have arrived at should be stated -- playing with it for another month or two will not give us any additional information as the matter has been at a standstill for a long time.

I would like to see prompt action by the other members of our group and that the Panel will accept our recommendation -- and that's enough of that! It's been kicking around for too long now.

Cordially,



A. Kosoff

AK:cl

cc: George Fuld  
John Pittman  
James Sloss  
Ronnie Carr  
Dick Yeoman





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July 13, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6540 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I am engaged in research involving the Pioneer and Territorial Gold Coins and respectfully solicit your assistance.

If you have any information concerning any of the companies listed below, it would be very much appreciated if this information could be made available to me.

BANK OF CALIFORNIA - Gold Hill, Nevada  
B. BAXTER & CO.  
CROWN KING  
DIANA (San Francisco)  
EAGLE MINING CO.  
E. POSEN (Denver City, Colo.)  
SANTA RITA MINING CO.  
UNION MINE  
EMPIRE GOLD & SILVER CO.  
G. H. GRAY  
CARLISLE MINING CO.  
GEORGE or G.W. HALL - Colorado  
HARQUOHALA - Arizona  
LEEDS & CO. - Utah

I realize this may be an imposition on your time but hope you will be able to assist me.

Very sincerely yours,

  
A. Kosoff  
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 18, 1967

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O. Box 456  
Bucius, California 91316

Dear Abe:

Receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry of July 13, 1967 with respect to Pioneer and Territorial gold coins.

You are, of course, familiar with work which we have done in connection with certain United States Assay Office of Gold issues and related coins emanating through the same source. If the coins about which you ask also emanated from the same source, we would appreciate being advised.

We do not know of any coins or bars issued by any of those you listed. We would like, very much, to have pictures of the items you are investigating as well as any other data concerning them which you are in a position to give us.

We are sure that you are familiar with the fact that several other Territorial Gold pieces listed in the Red Book a few years ago, and theretofore unknown, have been delisted and subject to further inquiry.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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July 21, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of July 18th. I am sorry you cannot be of any help on the Pioneer and Territorial pieces.

At the moment I am up to my elbows in this matter and when I am through I will be able to give you quite a bit of information. I will have photographs -- at the moment I have just one set and they are somewhat enlarged and I do need them at hand.

I can say that a few of the items did emanate from the same source but most of them came from other sources.

Best regards.

Cordially,

  
A. Kosoff  
AK:cl



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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 1, 1968

Mr. Jerome Kurtz  
Treasury Building  
15th and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

The enclosed copy of letter dated July 21, 1967 from A. Kasoff should be added to the letters in your file dated July 13, 1967 and July 16, 1967 on the subject of American Pioneer Gold in the Lilly Collection. We wanted your file to be complete on this point.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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Patterson said 2/4/68  
that

Tanner sold his 1945  
piper for \$2,000  
on 6/11, in Feb 1968  
with best of statement  
of Pat Baker, Texas,  
Alb Kessoff is supposed  
to be the buyer.

9/6/68

# Memo

From  
A. KOSOFF

To

Dear Eric

Re. your 7 Sept 3.

I've come down with the

Shingles - darned nuisance  
and painful - M. H. says

Complete relaxation until

pain clears - It's fallen up the

Regards

*[Signature]*



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October 29, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Your letter of October 11, 1968 arrived while I was back East.

I am gradually getting back in full swing and trying to catch up with my mail.

Sometime ago, I prepared an article on the behind the scenes activity concerning the Lilly collection. In fact, similar articles are in the hands of Coin World and will probably be appearing in print one day soon.

I tried to stay away from anything that might subject me to criticism, and while I was successful, I was cautioned to check out any future releases. Accordingly I am writing to Mr. Paul Rawley, Trustee for the estate of Mr. Lilly, in order to clear with him.

A copy of my letter to him is enclosed.

Cordially yours,

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October 29, 1968

Mr. Paul Reuley, Vice President  
Merchants W.B. & Trust Co.  
11 E. Marillian St.  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46209

Dear Paul:

Since the Lilly collection has gone to the Smithsonian Institution, I have been asked for certain information concerning the coins.

Prior to the closing of the deal, I had to contact numismatic sources for information picking up a little here and a little there. Several of our leading collectors, in turn, asked me for some information on the unusual Pioneer Gold piece in the collection.

To each such request I reported that until the matter had been concluded, I could give no information, but assured them that I would give them whatever I could afterwards.

In view of our agreement that I clear these matters with you, I am requesting permission to release such photographs and other data now in my hands to several interested parties.

I hope you are not working too hard, and look forward to your early reply.

Cordially yours,

A. KOSOFF INC.

A. Kosoff

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November 18, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have just heard from Paul Rawley who apparently is a pretty busy fellow and he is passing the buck to Dr. Stefanelli. Accordingly, I am writing to Val today and see what he has to say.

At the same time you might tell me what exactly you would like to get in the way of information - I've got tons of notes.

Cordially,

  
A. Kosoff  
AK:cl

cc: Dr. Stefanelli



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November 21, 1968

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O.Box 456  
Encino, California 91317

*Not final  
but almost*

Dear Abe:

The use of the words "passing the buck" is most appropriate in connection with our efforts to obtain information on the Pioneer Gold in the Lilly collection. We are enclosing a photocopy of the most recent letter we received from Val with respect to the matter and we are having our interpreters study this letter in the hope of trying to understand it.

We are not and will not be diverted by a ping-pong game and if the game goes on too long we may find it necessary to bring the matter out in the open.

You are now in a position to furnish the information which is in your possession and having promised to do so, why not start with sending such data as you have on all Pioneer Gold items not known prior to 1952.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 21, 1967

Mr. J. Rosoff  
P.O. Box 1456  
Escondo, California 91317

Dear Sir:

In the 1958 A.N.A. Convention Sale, which you conducted, it would be very helpful for our research if you would look up and write to us as to the party who submitted Lots 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 for sale and, also, to advise us as to any other items submitted for sale by the same consignor at that auction.

We would also like to know if you know where the four above-named items are today.

May we have your cooperation with respect to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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November 25, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have your letters of November 21 as well as a copy of Val Stefanelli's letter to you dated November 7, 1968.

First in regard to the 1958 A.N.A. sale. All of the lots from #2017 through #2051 were consigned by the late Stephen K. Nagy. This represented his whole consignment.

As you might recall, Mr. Nagy died before the sale was held, and we settled the account with his estate. No further consignment was received from them.

I would have to check back into our files, which are now stored in the warehouse, to find out who actually bought the lots. From memory I recall that Max L. Justus was at the sale and did buy a few of the items. Whether they involved the four mentioned in your letter or not I cannot say. What he did with the lots I also do not know, except that I heard that one piece was in Kreisberg's stock.

If it becomes a vital matter for you, I will try to get down to the warehouse and check the records for definite information as to the purchasers.

Now in regard to the other matter concerning the Lilly Collection. I cannot see why there is any secrecy about giving you information. In fact, I think that if you check back you already have the information, because one of my first steps was to check with some of our leading collectors and dealers concerning the companies whose ingots were unpublished.



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I hear so many different stories that I am at a loss for my next move until I am convinced one way or the other. I am afraid I shall have to remain in the awkward position. Unfortunately, too, I am obligated to abide by the decision of the Smithsonian. The only thing I can do is try to persuade them to permit me to go ahead. I know that some photography work has been done there, in fact, some items were released to the press, but whether or not they have put a limit on this information I do not know. I do know that I have received no permission to release anything.

I did promise photographs to several people and I intend to keep my promises. But I am afraid I will have to wait until Washington says O.K.

Kindest personal regards,

A. KOSOFF INC.

  
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 2, 1968

Mr. Abe Kosoff  
P.O. Box 456  
Encino, California 91316

Dear Abe:

Your November 25, 1968 comments on the Lilly matter are surprising. You state that you are critical of those who do not release information and yet you say your hands are tied. Who is restricting you? Did you receive an answer from Val? Are you subjecting yourself to Smithsonian control on some Lilly matters and not others? You have been steadily writing about Lilly matters in COIN WORLD and elsewhere, yet you are not giving us data when you promised to do so and want to do so.

In your COIN WORLD articles you say that you did quantities of research at libraries and with some individuals. What did you find? How can Smithsonian control your findings?

In your COIN WORLD articles why don't you state that Paul Garland, during the pendency of the legislation, wrote to many Congressmen and others indicating that he felt that the Lilly collection had some pieces which were not genuine? Did you investigate his assertions even as to what coins he referred to? You, no doubt, had copies of his letters sent to you at the time and, if not, we can furnish them.

What inquiry did you or anyone you know make as to the numismatic discovery of those pioneer items which were unpublished prior to 1952? Did you know of any being located or known prior to 1952? Did you accept Lilly's findings or the data in his files?

Why was the last scheduled hearing on the Lilly matter called off as COIN WORLD stated and apparently not reset? This would be interesting both to your COIN WORLD readers and to us.



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December 2, 1968

Mr. Abe Kosoff

We want to encourage you in every way to give to the public, forthwith, all the facts you have on this subject for further research and to help in that research with your vast knowledge. The decision is yours and, as we see it, you are not restricted.

Remember what happens to a ping pong ball in a fast game. It gets smashed, sliced, battered, spun and sometimes cracked and stepped on.

Your answers will be looked forward to with great interest.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 2, 1968

Mr. Abe Kosoff  
P.O. Box 456  
Encino, California 91316

Dear Abe:

Thanks for your November 25, 1968 letter giving the consignor's identification of lots in the 1958 A.N.A. Sale. This further clarifies the holdings and activity of Nagy at that time.

You indicate that Abner Kreisberg might have one of these pieces and we will write him unless you want to ask him for us. Perhaps you will indicate which precedence is preferable. Could you ask Henry Clifford if he owns any?

As to your going to the warehouse to see who first bought the items, let's wait until present ownership is given a whirl.

Thanks, again,

Sincerely yours,

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December 6, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I am not certain that Kreisberg has one of the 1958  
A.N.A. pieces. I think Bonnie Carr mentioned that  
to me many months ago.

You had better ask him and Clifford as well. I plan  
to avoid getting mixed up in these matters. Especially  
if I have to get letters such as yours.

Sincerely,

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